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GENERAL: Rainfall was limited over much of the State allowing soils to dry and planting activities to resume by week's end, according to the USDA's Nebraska Agricultural Statistics Service. Fields were still too wet to plant in portions of eastern Nebraska where rainfall totaled one to two inches. Corn planting progress was near average for the date, while soybean and sorghum planting lagged normal. With the exception of a few Southwestern and Panhandle counties, topsoil moisture rated as adequate statewide.

This release is based on reports and data from county extension educators, FSA county directors, NOAA, and the High Plains Climate Center.

WEATHER: Temperatures last week averaged one to four degrees above normals. Significant precipitation was limited to the eastern third of the State, with the Panhandle, Southwest and Central counties dry.

CROPS: Winter Wheat crop rated 2% very poor, 9% poor, 31% fair, 51% good, and 7% excellent. Lower condition ratings were noted in the Panhandle and Southeast. Comments from the southern Panhandle indicated fields were either good or poor, with some fields having been adjusted and released by crop

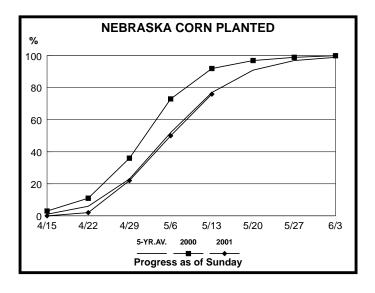
insurance. Sixty percent of the crop had jointed; this compared to 86% last year and 64% for the five-year average. Corn planting moved ahead to 76%, with largest gains in the western two-thirds of the State. This continued well behind the 92% pace of last year but was near the 77% average. Thirty percent had emerged, compared with 53% last year and 24% average. **Soybeans** planting moved ahead to 18% complete, behind 54% last year and 23% average. Five percent of the crop had emerged, compared to 14% last year and 4% average. Sorghum planting made limited progress with 6% planted as of Sunday. A year ago, 19% had been planted and 11% is the average. Oat planting was nearing completion at 92%. Planting was complete at this time last year with 99% average. Seventy-one percent of the crop was emerged, behind 97% last year and 89% average. Sugar beet planting progressed to 91% complete The first fields of alfalfa were being cut, although less than 1% was harvested statewide. Conditions rated 2% very poor, 5% poor, 24% fair, 51% good and 18% excellent, well above year ago levels.

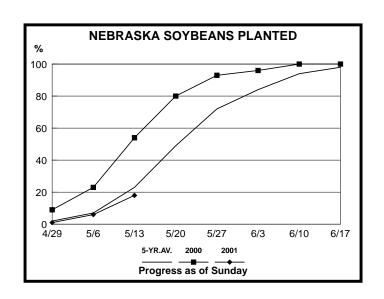
Pasture and **range** conditions showed improvement again last week and rated 3% very poor, 10% poor, 31% fair, 50% good, and 6% excellent. Most producers had moved cattle to pastures, with hay supplies very short.

PROGRESS AND CONDITIONS, NEBRASKA, AS OF MAY 13, 2001

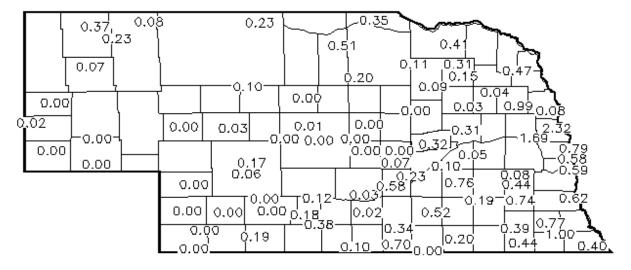
TTEM.	AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS DISTRICTS							STATE	LAST	LAST	AVER-	
ITEM	NW	NC	NE	С	EC	SW	SC	SE	STATE	WEEK	YEAR	AGE
% Wheat Jointed	45	33	22	26	48	86	74	52	60	38	86	64
% Wheat Headed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	20	4
% Corn Planted	71	64	66	64	84	75	82	87	76	50	92	77
% Corn Emerged	14	11	17	28	38	20	25	54	30	11	53	24
% Soybeans Planted	n/a	4	5	16	28	10	18	24	18	6	54	23
% Soybeans Emerged	n/a	0	1	0	11	1	1	5	5	0	14	4
% Sorghum Planted	0	0	13	3	17	2	4	5	6	3	19	11
% Sorghum Emerged	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	0	3	1
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	4.5	5.3	4.5	4.4	3.9	5.4	3.3	2.1	4.2	2.9	6.3	
Topsoil Moisture - % Very short	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	
- % Short	7	1	0	2	2	6	2	4	3	2	41	
- % Adequate	90	89	87	86	82	89	91	88	88	78	31	
- % Surplus	3	10	13	12	16	5	7	8	9	20	0	
Subsoil Moisture - % Very Short	0	1	0	2	0	3	4	3	1	1	47	
- % Short	18	7	7	28	17	18	14	36	16	19	33	
- % Adequate	82	91	89	69	77	77	82	61	81	77	19	
- % Surplus	0	1	4	1	6	2	0	0	2	3	1	

n/a - not available.





PRECIPITATION IN INCHES FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 2001¹



Item	Precipitation, Nebraska, April 1 - May 13, 2001 ¹									
	NW	NC	NE	CEN	EC	SW	SC	SE		
Total past week	.06	.22	.27	.10	.67	.07	.20	.48		
Total since April 1	4.77	7.98	8.09	8.68	7.48	5.03	6.57	6.89		
Normal since April 1	3.01	3.46	4.07	3.89	4.37	3.23	3.65	4.41		
Total as % of normal	161%	231%	198%	225%	171%	154%	179%	156%		

¹ Source: High Plains Climate Center data as of 8:00 a.m. Sunday.

TEMPERATURE AND GROWING DEGREE DAY DATA, NEBRASKA, WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2001

	Chatian		Тетр	perature	Growing Degree Day Data Since April 15			
Station		Extr	emes	Maan	Damantana	Last	Current	Normal
		Max	Min	Mean	Departure	Week		
NW	Chadron	84	28	56				
	Scottsbluff	85	35	58	+4	97	251	213
	Sidney					88	235	220
NC	Valentine	87	34	59	+4			
	Arthur					96	264	232
	O'Neill					97	284	244
NE	Norfolk	92	43	61	+3			
	Sioux City	92	42	60	+1			
	Concord					90	287	246
	Elgin					102	293	250
	West Point					95	319	260
CEN	Grand Island	87	40	63	+4	106	329	257
	Ord	86	37	59		103	303	253
	Kearney					107	324	256
EC	Lincoln	88	43	62	+3	114	386	270
	Omaha	85	45	62	+3			
	Central City					110	336	258
	Mead					101	357	266
SW	Imperial	84	43	60				
	North Platte	81	39	58	+2	101	301	243
	Curtis					97	296	248
SC	Holdrege					108	326	255
	Red Cloud					123	396	259
SE	Beatrice					113	367	270
	Clay Center					113	352	258

¹ Temperature data furnished by National Weather Service, Valley, NE. Growing Degree Day data furnished by High Plains Climate Center.

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